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Still A Chance to Help Armenians

Mr. Wells Heads Relief Work Aided by School.

Normal students and faculty are taking an active part in the preparation for the Armenian-Syrian Relief drive which will be carried on February 16-22.

Mr Wells is the chairman for this county and he has sent out literature to all the teachers in the county to be distributed in the different communities. Other work toward a general publicity campaign has also been done.

The Courier Staff has written editorials some of which will be published in the newspapers of the county. Editorials by Miss Degan, editor-in-chief of the Courier, and by Etha Henderson, have been published in full, and parts will be taken from those written by Mrs. Caufield and Hester DeNeen.

The freshman composition class has also written editorials for the Armenian-Syrian Relief drive. The ones by Elizabeth Leet, Elsie Stonhouse, Bernice Westfall and Edith Hartness will be published in part.

Miss Watson and Miss West have contributed much typewriting work to the cause. Miss Winn, Mrs. Perrin and Dr. Davis have assisted in various ways in the work.

This campaign for Armenian relief is almost the first real charity work we have been asked to carry on since the war began. The other drives, Red Cross, "Y," United War Work, Liberty Loans, were really not for others, but for ourselves; we were the ones who were to be benefited by them. In the Armenian-Syrian Relief drive which starts Feb. 16, we will show how much we really care for the people on the other side of the world.

Mr. Wells, Nodaway county's chairman in this campaign has made arrangements for a house-to-house canvass for funds, Sunday, Feb. 16. However, if you are missed in this canvass, Mr. Wells will be in the library to receive your contribution. Bring in your money this week and help save a life.

The National committee of the League to Enforce Peace has appointed Miss Winn a delegate to the Southern Congress for a League of Nations which meets at Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 27-28.

FROM PRES. RICHARDSON TO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

To the high school teachers and students in the Fifth District Normal School territory:

The Normal School of this city will adopt as its permanent policy what is known among educational institutions as the quarter plan, or four quarters of from ten to twelve weeks each during the year, for the accommodation of all groups of teachers and high school students who may wish to take work in higher institutions of learning.

This summer the Normal School offers a wide range of opportunity. A third semester of this year will open Thursday, April 24, and close Friday, Aug. 15. This period will be divided into two eight-weeks session, the second eight weeks period beginning June 20. Students may take either one or both of these sessions.

For those who might be better accommodated by another term division, a term of the same length and plan of organization as our former summer sessions will begin Tuesday, May 27 and close about the first of August.

Bulletins are in preparation, giving details of the work to be offered and will be ready for distribution soon. We are anxious to serve all the interests of our territory and if you have any particular problem to be solved thru school attendance, we shall be glad to assist you.

Very truly yours,

IRA RICHARDSON,

President.

STUDENTS START ORGANIZATION.

The student body made a big step toward completing their organization Thursday, Feb. 13 when the committee presented in outline a series of articles by which the association should be governed.

The report of this committee, composed of the presidents of the various classes (Iva Ward, senior; Alyce Leeper, junior; John Robison, sophomore; Lou Mutz, freshman) was accepted temporarily, to be further worked out by them later.

Mrs. Lawrence was chosen temporary chairman, and Mabel Curnutt temporary secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fitch, Modesto, California, announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Trumbo, Jan. 23. Mrs. Fitch was formerly Miss Julia Ficklin, a student of the Normal.

SOLDIERS FROM FRANCE VISIT THEIR ALMA MATER.

Robert Watson, Eugene Bird, Warren Breit and Quincy Mattucks, former Normal students and members of the alumni who have returned recently from France visited the Normal last week.

Robert Watson, Company L, 26th Infantry, 1st Division had a year of service in Soissons, St. Mihiel and Argonne regions. In the battles of Soissons and the Argonne he was wounded by shrapnel and spent five months in a hospital. After leaving the hospital he was five weeks in Brest, waiting for a ship home. The transport on which he sailed was disabled off the coast of New York but no soldiers were lost. After a short furlough at home, he will return to the base hospital at Fort Riley until his wounds are completely healed.

Eugene Bird sailed from Hoboken June 4, 1918. After a short stay in England, he went to France and received six weeks intensive training before going to the front. He was with the 356th assaulting regiment in the Saint Mihiel sector when gassed Oct. 6. In this engagement 600,000 men took part and the largest number of airplanes in any one battle were used. He spent two months in a hospital where he had his first experience with cooties. He says they were friendly, like the Germans.

Warren Breit, B. S. 1917, directed the firing of a machine gun by plotting the curves of the bullets. Only men of college training were assigned work of this kind. The task of working the machinery of the guns was done by men who had no college training.

Quincy Mattucks of the 141st Anti aircraft machine gun company did not see service at the front as the armistice was signed just as the company was placed. He was in Brest when President Wilson landed and witnessed the ovation given him.

SEE TOPICS FOR CONTEST.

The topics for the extemporaneous speeches in the inter-society contests are: European Transitions; Lessons from the great war; and Bolshevism. The contestants will gather information on all of these topics. On the night of the contests, each will be given a particular phase of one of these topics to discuss, and one hour in which to organize his material and prepare for delivery.

Seven Points Give Game to Jewell

Bear Cats No Longer a Team Without a Coach.

Superior team work won for Jewell against the Bear Cats here Feb. 4. The Liberty team took an early lead and the Normal was unable to head them.

Only five fouls were called on Maryville, ten being called on Jewell. Maryville made only three free throws out of ten tries while Jewell made four out of five. Newman led for Jewell in points, making eight baskets from the field.

Richards played a strong game at guard while Ham's floor work was much better than that of his opponent at center.

The Normal showed need of coaching. Coach Sims had been unable to be in school for some time and during his absence the team has been coaching itself.

The game: Maryville 33.

Field goals: Puckett, guard, 2; Richards, guard, 3; Miller, forward, 10. Free throws: Scarlett, 1; Miller, 2.

Jewell 40.

Field goals: Evans, forward, 5; Newman, forward, 8; Meredith, center, 3; Mayberry, guard, 2.

Free throws: Evans, 4.

Referee: Campbell, Kansas City.

Coach Sims is back in school after a three weeks seige with the scarlet fever. All are glad to see him around again, but especially the basketball team. We only regret that he did not get back sooner for if the team came within seven points of winning from William Jewell with only its own coaching, we know that his coaching and presence would have more than made up for those seven points.

The latest report from Fred McMahon is that he is improving steadily. "Mac" is in the hospital at St. Joseph and has been in a very critical condition for the past two weeks. He has had a relapse from the influenza and has been in a paralyzed condition. The report says that he is coming out of the paralyzed state and we hope he continues to get better. The visit of Earl Miller and John Robison, with the flowers sent by the school cheered him up.

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CONTEST IN STORY WRITING.

Nothing sharpens wits like measuring brain against brain. Instead of handling the lesson on feature stories in a cut and dried manner, the journalism class demonstrated their knowledge in a keen contest. Each three members were given a topic and the best from each group were selected by the instructor and the editor-in-chief for publication in this issue.

The subjects and material were: a snake story, copy sent in by a former student; some half dozen editions of The Hatchet, the paper published on board President Wilson's ship, The George Washington, also received from a former student; and two letters from the War Department, one requesting the use of Mr. Wells' binoculars and one thanking him for them on their return.

The winning writers of the stories were: Alyce Leeper, Etha Henderson and Earl Miller. There was one peculiar incident about this contest. Three good stories were found, and four good titles, so the judges compromised by placing Vivian Seat's title on Alyce Leeper's article. What these students did with their material is shown elsewhere in the paper.

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LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

Philomathean Society.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 5 the Philos had a very unusual and entertaining program. The Great Magician was with the society at this meeting. He showed the society the wonders of his machine, which he had spent twenty years in completing. The machine could change anyone into anything they wished. The Philos became very interested in such a wonderful invention. Many of the members went forward and expressed the greatest desire of their life to the magician. The Wizard put his machine in operation and brought before the group the finished product.

Vivian Seat wished to become a great suffragette. The Magician had her step into the machine. After the machine had been in operation a few minutes, the wizard brought before his listeners the finished product. The Suffragette then delivered an address of superior quality on "Votes for Women." Tessie Degan wished to become a Reporter for the New York Times. When she stepped from the machine, the wish was fulfilled. The reporter asked the Magician many questions concerning his machine, and his visits with other societies and schools. The Reporter then assured the Magician she would give him a splendid write up on the first page of her paper.

One young man, who was present, told the Magician the greatest desire of his life was to become a member of the Philomathean Literary Society. The Wizard was well pleased to hear this young man make such a noble wish. The finished product of this wish came forth in a black cap and gown, as a graduate of the Maryville Normal School. Many others expressed their desire to become musicians, and readers. Each time the wish was granted. At last two girls who were twins came forward and expressed their desires. The twins were too much for the machine. A few seconds after they stepped into the machine, pieces of clothing and parts of the machinery began to fly in all directions. The machine was ruined. The Magician went home on the next train, heart-broken over his great loss.

Some societies grow, others glow, but the Philos are the ones when it comes to the show. If you don't believe it come to room 319 next Wednesday at 3:20 and see.

Eurekan Notes.

A very interesting program was given at the regular meeting of the Eurekan Literary Society, Wednesday, Feb. 5. The program was composed of:

Reading Mayhew Saville
Duet Laura Curfman,
Mabel Curnutt.
Extemporaneous Speeches—Lena
Murry, Maye Rust, Etha Henderson.

Solo Alyce Leeper
These programs are growing in interest and if you find you have

nothing else to do on Wednesdays at 3:20, please spend your time with us.

"There is no place like Home." Come and we will try to make you feel at home.

Excelsior Notes.

The Literary Societies of the Normal are not "dead." If any person doubts this he should have come to room 216, Wednesday, Feb. 12. On this date the Philomathean and Eurekan Literary Societies met in joint session with the Excelsiors.

The Excelsior Literary Society gave a very instructive program of a literary nature, Feb. 5, at the weekly meeting. The feature of the program was a debate. "Resolved: that Federal regulation of privately owned railroads, is superior to government ownership and government control."

Minnie Turner and Frances Holli-day debated on the negative; Glynn Britton and Leo Nicholls on the affirmative. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

Jessie Fannon sang a very pleasing selection and the society adjourned, hoping they might enjoy a similar program again.

Joint Program.

The Excelsior Literary Society entertained the Philomathean and Eurekan Literary Societies Feb. 12. After a short social hour, a very pleasing program consisting of the following numbers was given:

Vocal Solo.....Mary Margaret Richey
ReadingChas. Elmore
Piano SoloPearl Bryant
ReadingEtha Henderson
Vocal SoloVirginia Lawson
Talk Tessie Degan
Piano SoloMaye Rust
Songs Herbert Pugh
Violin ObligatoRalph Yehle

Piano Duet.....Mattie Dykes,
Vivian Seat.

The entire program was very enjoyable, and showed the value of a Literary Society to the students. The Excelsiors were also very glad to have as visitors members of the faculty, student body and former society members, who have just returned from the Army.

If you do not belong to a Literary Society, join now, get in line, the Inter-Society contests are coming.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Ella Moore, B. S., 1918, has the principalship of a ward school in Albany, Mo.

Blanche Daise, B. S., 1918, visited the Normal recently. She is spending the winter at her home, Graham, Mo.

Fred Vandersloot, B. S., 1917, accompanied the basket ball team of Benton high school to Maryville, Jan. 31. He is the Benton coach.

Wm. Utter, 1916, is playing the saxophone in a band with the Army of Occupation.

Paul Powell, 1916, who has been in the aviation service has received his discharge.

Superintendent Harvey, Chula, Mo., visited in Maryville recently.

Merle Scarborough, 1917, is teaching in the schools of Ames, Ia.

Ella Hazelrigg, Maryville, Mo., has a position in the St. Joseph schools.

Elizabeth Cook is teaching in the St. Joseph schools.

Mrs. Dale Stewart, a former student here, visited the Normal, Feb. 4.

Audrey Birkenholz and Jessie Fannon spent the week end, Feb. 8, at Bedison, visiting Opal Birkenholz, a former Normal student, who now teaches near Bedison.

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NOTES OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

Education.

Bert Cooper, county superintendent, is co-operating with the Education Department in making it possible for students of the rural education classes to visit good rural schools of Nodaway county.

Audrey Birkenholz, Lorena Palmer, and Susie Crockett spent Friday Jan. 31, in schools. They saw some excellent work and derived no small benefit from the visit. They gave reports of their observation trip to their classes in the Normal.

The boys in the surveying class utilized the good weather, the last week, by field practice with surveying instruments.

History.

What is the population of the principal countries engaged in the World War? What quantitative notions of the parties in the struggle does the typical freshman student hold as he reads of military and political events? As indicated by estimates made by the Current History class such notions are very diverse, hazy, absurd, tolerably accurate or lacking altogether. About a third of the students in the class made no estimate or made wild guesses showing clearly that war debts or Congressional appropriations had entirely confused millions and billions in some minds. Of the remaining eighteen, the highest and lowest estimates are given.

	Highest	Lowest
Germany	1,000,000,000	3,000,000
Austria	3,000,000,000	2,000,000
Turkey (in Europe)	216,000,000	1,000,000
Belgium	45,000,000	100,000
France	150,000,000	2,000,000
Italy	75,000,000	2,000,000
Great Britain and Ireland	200,000,000	2,000,000
Russia (in Europe)	110,000,000	3,000,000
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the most striking facts were the overestimating of Germany and Belgium and the low estimates upon Italy, Russia, and Turkey. Another interesting observation is that about a seventh of the students thought of these countries as having population less than that of Missouri or about the same as that of our State.

A VETERAN RETURNS.

(Alyce Leeper)

I was born in England in 1898. My life of fame and service began, when I, in company with an English officer, went to Africa at the outbreak of the Boer War. On our arrival, I was at once mustered into active service, where I remained during the entire war.

Without me, my companion would often have been at a loss to know what course of action to pursue. The service I rendered him during this war was unmeasurable. Many a battle would have been lost but for my untiring energy and my ability to see the most critical points of attack.

When the war was ended, my companion and I started on our homeward trip. All went well for a time. The weather was very pleasant and the sea calm; but one evening about six o'clock the sky became murky and the wind began blowing with steadily increased violence. Our boat drifted from its course and was swept by the waves against a rock, wrecking it. In a short time it sank. My companion was lost and I, sometime later, was picked up by another ship which carried me to Australia. Here I remained for awhile, then I returned to London.

I was in England but a short time when I met an American who was on a mission from the American government to the British government. He found me quite an interesting companion and decided that I could be of valuable service to him, therefore he brought me home with him.

As a companion of his, I enjoyed several bird hunting trips. Sometimes we took these trips alone, at other times we were accompanied by a young lady friend of his.

To her, I was not always congenial. One time, especially, I remember, she was very much disgusted with me and said she could get along much better without my services.

The greatest moment of my life came when the United States declared war on Germany. I enlisted at the request of F. D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and by the permission of my present companion. For eight months I served on board the U. S. S. Castine. While engaged in this war, I received several wounds and it was with great delight that I received the news of the Armistice. I was tired of war and longed to be back with my old companion Mr. Wells, who had so kindly loaned me to the navy department when the call was made for spy-glasses, telescopes and binoculars. I am a pair of British Army Bingo Binoculars.

GAS IS COMING.

Willard Ellsworth who has been in the Chemical Warfare Section has been discharged from the army and is now teaching at Pleasanton, Ia. Mr. Ellsworth has been stationed at an arsenal in the East. He writes the following, in a letter to Mr. Wilson:

"You may be sure I got all the 'gas' end of warfare that I cared for. I was assigned to the phosgene plant, and we were making sixty tons of the material every twenty-four hours. Besides the phosgene there was a big mustard oil (gas) plant, which turned out almost one hundred tons of that sweet smelling (?) product every day. The tear gas plant had a capacity of seventy-five to one hundred tons per day.

Now, when I took chemistry, it seemed as tho' it was a more or less of an experimental science; a subject, nice in theory but not as practical as the biological sciences or the science of physics.

Here I saw the theoretical science brought into practical application, used as an engine of destruction, and I thought of how much good it really had done, when I saw such harm it was capable of doing.

I don't suppose you would be interested in the processes, as these facts have been revealed to the public thru the press since the Armistice was signed.

I brought home a sample of "Mustard" in a doubly sealed tube and when I come to Maryville, I shall present it to you. I could not bring any of the phosgene, nor the chloral picrate as they watched us "thieves" away from the tear gas and the phosgene has too low a boiling point to be carried around in safety."

Mr. Ellsworth will be in school here next summer.

THE HATCHET.

(Ethel Henderson)

"We cannot tell a lie" is the motto of the Hatchet, the daily newspaper published on the George Washington. Elmer Holt, a former Normal student is a radio operator on board the ship which carried President Wilson overseas. He has sent us several copies of the Hatchet.

In the first issue the captain and crew welcome their distinguished passengers.

On board the George Washington there were two theatres, the Old Salt and the Martha Washington. The Old Salt put on a musical extravaganza during the voyage. The program was given by the officers and the crew. Their specialty was "girls." The "Belle of Hawaii" weighed no less than 275 pounds and she danced with all the grace of the U. S. S. Wisconsin on a stormy sea. Another specialty was "Uncle Tom's Stateroom," not his cabin, but Uncle Tom was sold again, and Eva re-ascended to Heaven in a very realistic manner.

The president and his party attended the show, and were very much pleased by it.

The George Washington has had a very interesting career. In the first place it was the German ship Vaterland. It was taken over by our government when war was declared, and, in spite of the fact that the Germans had tried to so disable the ship that it could never be used again, it was repaired and given a new name. During the year of America's participation in the war, the George Washington had carried 50,000 American soldiers to France. It is said to be the best troop ship in the service of the United States. In all of its voyages across the Atlantic, the George Washington has never carried passengers whom it was so sure of carrying back as these.

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Being of a Sherlock Holmes turn of mind as well as a student of psychology, the Stroller decided at once that there must be something wrong when he noticed that Miss Degan and Miss Dykes had failed to come up the long walk together the first morning after the Christmas vacation. That very evening he noticed that Miss Degan did not go to the postoffice. For him the plot deepened when he heard Miss Degan say one afternoon to Miss Winn, "The thing that hurts me is that Mattie never even told me she knew him."

Things surely began to look interesting but stroll as he might the Stroller could unearth nothing more. As he looked at Miss Degan this thought from one the poets haunted him continually: "Why so wan, why so pale? Prithee, why so pale?" Yet he dared not ask. Miss Dykes, too was not her usual cheery self.

Weeks passed and still no light! Then the unexpected happened. Where he would never have looked for news in the world, he found it.

The Saturday following the Maryville-Benton Basket Ball game, the Stroller was asked to a luncheon to meet some Benton teachers who had come up for the game. The conversation turned to folks they knew in common and Miss Degan's name was mentioned. The Stroller remarked that she had not seemed herself

since Christmas and wondered what could be the matter.

"Surely," said one of the teachers who knew Miss Degan quite well, "Tessie can't be taking that seriously!" And then she told this tale:

"Of course this is strictly confidential and I shouldn't tell it if I really thought that it could be the cause of her looking so badly; but it seems that a Miss Dykes has been for some time writing to a man on whom Miss Degan felt she had the strings. (Excuse the expression). While Tessie was at home Christmas this girl wrote her a letter but in some way got two letters mixed and mailed to Tessie a letter she had written to the man. And do you know it was quite mushy! That let the cat out of the bag. Do you suppose that really could be what is worrying her?"

The Stroller thought probably that might be the trouble until he heard Miss Degan say to Miss Dykes one day, "Well, he's only a man. Surely we won't let a little thing like that split up our friendship!" And they have been the best of friends ever since.

Everyone noticed that Miss Winn wore pink sweet peas every day last week and when the Stroller had to go to her room to deliver some manuscript she noticed that there was a large vase of lavender sweet peas on the desk and another vase of narcissus on the table. Yet at the Philo tea, the Stroller had overheard her say to an inquisitive friend, oh, no, The Soldier has not returned from France. Now the Stroller is unspeakably grieved and shocked at such goings on.

Even the faithless of woman shall not grieve me long however when I remember the treat in store for me Saturday night. Have you noticed that Saturday is becoming Normal night? Just last week the Bear Cats played Missouri Wesleyan and this Saturday there is the Colonial party. And by the way you had better be there if you have an invitation because something is going to happen that never happened before in the history of this school. The Stroller would not miss it for anything.

P. S. You notice that I have called names right out this time; no beating around the bush. That is my policy for the future so if you do not want to see your name in print do not do anything which you do not wish your friends to know about.

PRES. RICHARDSON TO NATIONAL MEETING.

President Richardson left this week for Chicago to attend the meetings of the National Association of Normal School Presidents, the National Society for the Study of Education, the Department of Superintendents of the N. E. A., and meetings of other allied bodies which hold sessions at the same time and the same place. This is the most important educational gathering of

the year and one of national importance. President Richardson will probably visit one or two normal schools and colleges for the training of teachers while gone.

DR. DAVIS GIVES TALK TO LABOR UNION

Dr. S. E. Davis spoke at the Central Labor Temple, St. Joseph, on the subject of the New Constitution League, and the needs of a new constitution in Missouri, Monday night Feb. 10. In his talk, he claimed that to try to run 1919 Missouri on 1875 Missouri ideas, was putting this state far behind the others.

SPEAKS TO SHAKESPEREANS.

Miss Winn delivered a lecture on "The Tempest" at a meeting of the Shakespeare Club, Feb. 12. After the lecture, Miss Winn and Mrs. S. E. Davis, the honor guests of the club, presided at the tea table. Earlier in the year Mrs. Davis gave a lecture on "Antony and Cleopatra." The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Anderson Craig.

PHILOS GIVE TEA.

The Philos entertained the school Thursday, Feb. 13 with an afternoon tea from 4:00 to 5:30.

The following program was given:

Instrumental solo Pearl Bryant
Violin solo Mr. Osborn
Readings Mr. Miller
Vocal Solo Miss Zenor
Instrumental solo Marie Turner

THE TRUTH.

(Earl Miller)

"The dear old truth—that's all we want. The truth is so beautiful, so amazingly interesting, so much more wonderful than fiction. Therefore I say that, quite apart from morality, it is policy for a paper to tell the truth."—Richard Whiteing.

Such is our policy. You who are skeptical may not agree but we assure you that the following story is in accordance with the above quotation, as it came from the Courier's own correspondent.

Today I went out to Lincoln Park and saw Cy DeVry feed the pythons. First he takes an iron rod about four feet long on which there are

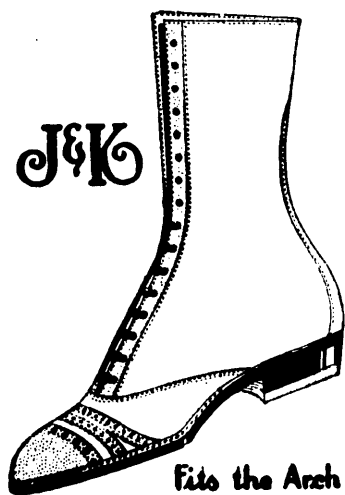
two rings, one at the end of the rod and one about eight inches from the end. A rope is looped through those rings and extends the full length of the rod. After Cy got his loop fixed, the door of the cage was opened far enough for him to stick the rod in and get the loop over the snake's head. He then pulled the loop tight, got a good grip on the rope and rod. The attendants opened the door wide and Cy pulled hard. The snake resisted for a little bit until it saw that the door was open, when it made a leap for freedom. If it had been allowed to "leap at will," it would have jumped sixty or seventy feet, but eight men stood in line at the door of its cage and as it leaped they caught it as it came by. The snake was twenty-eight feet long and the men stood about three feet apart holding Mr. Snake down.

Cy then got a stick and pried the snake's mouth open and then wedged a block of wood into its mouth. There was a hole about two inches in diameter through the block. Next an attendant took a rubber hose a little bigger than an ordinary garden hose and oiled it so it was slick on the outside. This was rammed down the snake's throat about two feet. The back end of the hose was then fastened to a machine into which fifteen pounds of raw meat was put and ground up and by means of a piston rod poked through the hose into the snake's gullet. To get all the meat out of the hose the attendant had to take his hands and massage the snake's neck, grabbing it just behind and squeezing towards the tail.

The snake was given two doses of meat, fifteen pounds to each dose. The pythons are fed this way about twice a year. They would die of hunger if not forcibly fed.

It was an interesting sight. The men feeding the pythons were in no little danger for had the snake wound its coils around one of them, he would have been crushed before the others could have helped.

Ernest Alexander returned to Maryville last week. He has been in the Marine Corps during the past fourteen months and has been recently discharged from the service. He expects to enter the Normal soon.



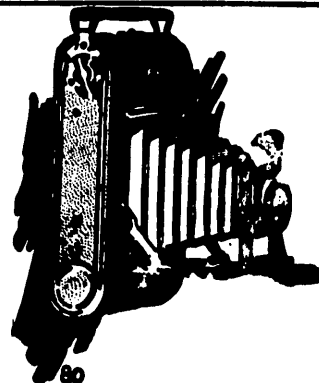
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